

HEAD OF BETHLEHEM STEEL CO. OPPOSES U. S. ARMOR PLANT

E. G. Grace Protests Against Bill Providing for Establishment of Government Factory MIDVALE DEAL DENIED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Testifying before the Senate Naval Affairs Committee today, E. G. Grace, president of the Bethlehem Steel Company, opposed the bill for a Federal armor plate factory.

"This shows," said Mr. Grace, "that we have made a total of 35,000 tons for the Government. The prices ranged from \$20 to \$44 a ton, the average being \$42. Today's price is \$45."

"The Niles Board investigated us and came to the conclusion we were not robbing the Government, which we have been accused of so often. Japan has a Government armor plate plant and it is costing that country \$30 a ton this year."

Mr. Grace testified that the value of the armor plate plant of the Bethlehem Company is \$7,000,000. He placed the value of the entire plant and the company between \$5,000,000 and \$7,000,000.

"If we could run our armor plate company at full capacity the year through, we could make armor plate at \$35 a ton, but when our production is reduced one half the cost is increased 20 per cent," said Mr. Grace.

"Is it true," asked Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, "that you have absorbed the Midvale Steel Company?"

"Absolutely incorrect," was the answer. "I asked that question," explained Senator Penrose, "because Senator Tillman, chairman of this committee and author of the bill for the Federal armor plant, said that such a consolidation had been effected."

Senator Swanson asked whether Mr. Grace would allow an expert accountant to go through the books of the Bethlehem company for the purpose of determining the cost of making armor plate.

"I would not consent to an interpretation of our books by a Government accountant," said Mr. Grace, "I would consent to a public accountant if we could agree on one."

"You refused to allow a representative of the Navy Department to go through your books," said Senator Tillman. "Yes and I would refuse to consent to that today. We do not propose to allow a prospective competitor to go through our books."

A five million-dollar munition plant at Toledo, Ohio, was proposed in a bill introduced in the House today by Representative Sherwood of Ohio. Representative Sherwood declared that the Government manufacture of munitions would tend to put an end to the propaganda of preparedness.

VILLA MARCHES NORTH; BACA-VALLES DIES

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Entered in the hearing of his guards were: "May God be merciful to me."

In the darkest hour of the morning, just before dawn, Baca-Valles was led out of a walled enclosure. The prisoner had been under guard at the tank station for five hours.

In the day it will be taken with the body of General Rodriguez to Chihuahua City. The two bodies were exhibited together at Juarez today and the same action will be taken at Chihuahua.

Colonel Baca-Valles was captured Saturday near Palomas, Chihuahua, close to the border at Columbus, N. M. His second officer, Lieutenant Colonel Enrique Cisneros, was also captured, but Cisneros was shot at once. Eight Villa soldiers taken at the same time were also executed at the scene of the capture.

The murder of Albert B. Simmons, of Los Angeles, and Victor Hamilton, of Chicago, news of which reached here late yesterday, was charged today directly to the Villa forces by Carranza officials. The latter declared they had received information that the soldiers who killed the two Americans were led by the Arrieta brothers, supporters of Villa.

The train brought 72 foreigners, mostly Americans. The Mexicans would not permit the train to cross into the United States, and consequently the refugees came to the American side of the Rio Grande in barges and automobiles as soon as it was light.

Three Americans who had been reported as "missing in Mexico" arrived here late last night. They were Richard Wagner, William Evans and C. E. Tracy, all employed at the Hearst ranch, in western Chihuahua.

The three men had hidden nearly 100 miles across Mexican desert and through mountain regions to dodge Villa bands roving in the Madera district.

BORAH DEMANDS ACTION IN MEXICAN SITUATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The battle in the Senate over the Mexican situation was renewed today. Senator Lewis, of Illinois, in response to the wish of the Administration, tried to have his resolution authorizing intervention referred to the Foreign Relations Committee.

"The measure might as well be withdrawn as sent to the Foreign Relations Committee," declared Senator Borah.

"We need action now at this very hour and we need drastic action. This Senate ought to notify the Mexican people today that we are ready to use armed force to protect the lives of our people."

Senator Lippitt, Republican, of Rhode Island, tried to have read into a record a newspaper editorial extolling Huerta.

Senator Stone, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, firmly declared "we will not have any more of this sort of thing attempted or done in the Senate."

Vice President Marshall sustained the objection and the reading of the editorial was stopped.

Senator Lippitt then introduced a resolution directing the President to intervene, and insisted upon its immediate consideration. Senator Lewis objected, and Senator Stone tried to have it referred to the Foreign Relations Committee.

Senator Lippitt bluntly asked Senator Stone how long it would be before the President would act in case Senator Stone characterized the inquiry as beneath the dignity of the Senate, and declined to answer.

"Cruel, brutal and pusillanimous" was the way Senator Lippitt described the President's Mexican doctrine.

"If I had been President on the day the Chihuahua massacre another sun would not have shone over the Madre Mountains before American troops would have been in Mexico in pursuit of the murderers," said Senator Lippitt.

"The first scrap of paper I would have used would have been to instruct those soldiers to punish them, their accomplices and sympathizers, until every American ranchman in Mexico would be as safe as in the city of Washington."



NEW LANDING IN GREECE

According to Berlin reports, Allied troops have landed at Phaleron, Greece, which is at the end of a railway line only five miles long, leading to the capital, and is just across the bay from the Piraeus, the real seaport of Athens.

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A Resolution, Authorizing the Street Railway Committee to confer with the Mayor of Philadelphia, the Director of the Department of City Transit, and the proper officers of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, with reference to an agreement between said company and the city for the operation by said company of city-built high-speed lines in conjunction with the present surface and high-speed lines of a system of universal free transfers on a 5-cent fare basis.

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SEGER TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTION FOR TALK ON 5-CENT FARE IDEA

Agrees to United Business Men's Proposal for Conference Between Councilmanic Committee, Mayor and P. R. T.

IN COUNCILS THURSDAY

Select Councilman Charles Seger has agreed to introduce in Councils at the meeting next Thursday a joint resolution authorizing a conference between Councilmanic Street Railway Committee, Mayor Smith and the Director of the Department of City Transit.

Mr. Seger is the Organization leader of the War and the transit discussions in Councils last year played a not inconspicuous part on the side of John P. Connolly and others who opposed the adoption of the Taylor plan in its entirety.

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UN FORTE AUSTRIACO DANNEGGIATO SULLA FRONTE DELLA CARNIA

L'On. Barzilai Da' a Tutti gli Alleati la Colpa della Caduta dell'Eroico Montenegro

I SERBI A BRINDISI

ROMA, 18 Gennaio.

Il Ministero della Guerra pubblica ieri sera il seguente comunicato ufficiale circa la situazione sul teatro della guerra Italo-austriaca.

"Lungo la fronte del Trentino si sono avute azioni di artiglieria. Il nostro fuoco contro le batterie del forte Robbi, nella valle del Salsburgh, distrusse parte di una cupola corazzata e mise in fuga reparti nemici."

"Sulle alture attorno ad Osaviava la nostra vigilezza controffensiva iniziata per riprendere piccole porzioni di terreno a nord del villaggio, che erano ancora tenute dal nemico, continua con successo. I prigionieri fatti da noi confermano che nell'attacco di venerdì notte furono impiegate grandi forze nemiche che soffersero perdite gravissime."

"Sul Carso la situazione e' immutata. Aeroplani nemici lasciarono cadere ieri bombe su luoghi abitati nella bassa valle dell'Isonzo, ma causando pochi danni."

ITALIA E MONTENEGRO.

Il ministro on. Salvatore Barzilai pubblicò ieri a Padova un discorso evidentemente ispirato dal presidente del Consiglio, discorso nel quale attribuì la colpa della caduta del Montenegro al mancato affiatamento degli alleati per l'azione collettiva. Egli disse:

"I nostri nemici trovano la salvezza nella silenziosa, servile obbedienza imposta da un solo uomo. Noi dovremmo aver preveduto le difficoltà della nostra impresa nelle incertezze di una lega tra popoli liberi."

"E' infondata l'asserzione che l'Italia e' responsabile degli errori del giugno scorso. Preparare la protezione di un paese senza frontiere prima che le ostilità cominciarono era il dovere comune. Nell'avvenire questo ordine di idee non sarà profittevole, ed il governo che ne approfitterà per sensarsi di errori non meriterà, ne riceverà il perdono dei suoi cittadini."

Si dice intanto che il principe Mirko del Montenegro e' in viaggio per l'Italia con una importante missione da Scutari. I membri del governo serbo che giunsero a Brindisi da Scutari rimarranno in quella città italiana, come afferma l'idea Nazionale, stabilendo così per qualche tempo la sede del governo serbo. Ivi e' atteso anche re Pietro non appena avrà finito la cura dei bagni nell'isola greca di Eubea.

Il prezzo del carbone americano in

Italia e' giunto all'enorme cifra di 40 dollari per tonnellata, e grande quantità di questo carbone giace ora non venduto nei porti italiani. Il prezzo altissimo e' stato determinato dalle altissime tariffe di trasporto.

La notizia che Austria e Montenegro stanno per iniziare trattative per la pace ha prodotto a Roma profonda impressione, ma siccome la notizia non e' ancora data ufficialmente i giornali si astengono per ora dal commentarla. In attesa di maggiori particolari e di piu' definite notizie, qui pero' si nutrono gravi apprensioni per le migliaia di montenegrini e serbi che al sono rifugiati tra le montagne albanesi e sono minacciati dalle tribu' malsosse, giacche' dal momento in cui i serbi lasceranno la regione di Scutari gli albanesi hanno ripreso coraggio.

A Roma giungeva da Atene oggi la notizia che la truppa bulgara che erano entrate nell'Albania sono state ritirate dalla situazione sul teatro della guerra Italo-austriaca. Il telegramma dice peraltro che Bulgaria e Turchia sarebbero ora inclinate a concludere separatamente la pace.

A Berlino e' stato annunciato che gli alleati hanno sbarcato truppe a Phaleron, che si trova ad appena cinque miglia a sud-est di Atene e ad est del Pireo. Se la notizia e' vera, puo' darsi che gli alleati intendano forzare la mano alla Grecia. Pure da Berlino mandano che il governo greco ha trasferito parte dei suoi archivi da Atene a Larissa. Intanto si apprende che in questa settimana il governo greco proclamerà lo stato di assedio nel regno.

Another Death in Home for Aged

The death list from grip at the Home for the Aged, at Church lane and Musgrave street, Germantown, was increased early today to 13 by the death of James Barry, 70 years old. All the deaths have occurred during the last two weeks, eight of them within the last three days.

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Carney's Point to Have Postoffice



residents of Philadelphia registered at Hotel Astor during the past year.

Single Room, without bath, \$2.00 to \$3.00

Double - \$3.00 to \$4.00

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